

MINUTES: APRIL 14, 2014

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis Board of Trustees

Board Members present: Marty West, Chair; Lisa Baker; George Hubert; Hiram Jackson; Joyce Takahashi; Ramon Urbano; Ann-Catrin Van. **Others present:** Beth Banks, Senior Minister; Linda Magrum, Operations Co-Chair; Stacie Frerichs, Financial Officer; Barbara Clutter, Strategic Planning Chair; Jack Whitsett.

Opening Activities

Chair Marty West called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Lisa Baker lit the Chalice and gave a personal reflection. George Hubert read the Board Covenant. Marty West amended the Agenda to include an update on strategic planning by Barbara Clutter at the beginning of the Discussion and Action Items. Then the agenda was approved by board consensus. There was no congregational input.

Announcements

Ramon Urbano announced that Jennifer Richards and Barbara Bower will be the final candidates for election to the Board at the May 18 membership meeting because no petitions for additional candidates were received from the congregation. Ramon also announced that about 30 UUCD members have registered for the UU PCD District Assembly, April 25-27. Carpools have been organized by the Green Sanctuary Committee.

Delegate John Ashby will be accompanied by several UUCD youth in the banner parade on Friday night, and 3 UUCD youth will light our UUCD Chalice, which we are loaning to the District Assembly, in honor of Nancy Schaffer.

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Minutes for the March 10, 2014 Board Meeting.

Confirmation of Board's e-mail vote to approve Campus Minister job description and search committee.

Approval of revised charge for the Uniting for Racial Justice Committee.

Moved approval of Consent Agenda: Hiram Jackson. Seconded: Lisa Baker. Passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Barbara Clutter, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, updated the Board on the committee's decision to retain the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) as consultants. Marty West and Barbara will negotiate a one year fee with IAF, using one-time money from church reserves. The Board thanked the committee for its work and will look forward to receiving a proposal at the May board meeting.
2. Stacie Frerichs, Financial Officer, presented a revised Operational Budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year, based on the budget workshop held with the Board on April 10. Discussion followed; Stacie will make additional revisions, with a final budget to be adopted by the Board at its May 12 meeting. The budget will then be presented to the congregation for adoption at the Membership Meeting on May 18. Two dates for congregational conversations have been set: May 4 and May 11, in the Social Hall between services.
3. Marty West presented the Ordination Committee's recommendation on the distribution of excess ordination funds: from excess funds of \$2,097, transfer \$500 to the church's general fund for the costs of mailing, printing, and building use; donate \$500 to the UUA Living Tradition Fund; and carry over the balance of \$1,097 in an ordination fund for future ordinations. Motion to approve the transfer of these funds: Ann-Catrin Van. Seconded: Joyce Takahashi. Passed unanimously.
4. Marty West, Ramon Urbano, and Lisa Baker attended the March 15 stewardship training, held at the Mt. Diablo UU Church, along with Steve Reynolds, Carol Corbett, Mari Perla, Rich Bradley, Caitlin Cotter, and

Beth Banks, one of the organizers of the training. This group, to be joined by Steve Burns and Sharon Hale, will begin the process of designing a new fundraising strategy to replace the annual pledge drive. This "stewardship" team will meet on April 23 to discuss next steps.

5. Beth Banks, Senior Minister, reported on the planning for her sabbatical leave next year from Jan. 1 – May 30, 2015. Katie Tennerelli has agreed to chair the sabbatical committee, which will coordinate events during Beth's leave. One of the Operations co-chairs will be asked to join this committee. Beth reported that she has several ideas about her sabbatical, one of which is studying the emerging use of technology in worship.

Closing Activities

1. Next Board Meeting will be May 12.
2. Lisa Baker gave the meeting evaluation. Beth Banks gave the closing reading.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Submitted by Liz Leahy, Board Secretary